

Lake County Coastal Plan Committee Minutes September 27, 2007

The Lake County Coastal Plan Committee hereby finds and determines that all formal actions were taken in an open meeting of the Lake County Coastal Plan Committee and that all the deliberations of the Planning Commission and its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Chairman Harry Allen called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. at the Lakeline Village Hall, Lakeline, Ohio, and gave the floor to Ms. Neale, who briefly welcomed everyone to the facility and then introduced Lakeline Village Hall Mayor, Michael Rayl.

Mayor Rayl stated that there were roughly 250 people and 98 homes in Lakeline. Lakeline was incorporated in 1929. In 1962, residents donated the property on which the Village Hall was built. He explained the Senior Center was doing well and they are thinking of building an addition to house an exercise room for the seniors. He welcomed the Committee to the Center. The political structure of Lakeline Village consists of a mayor, five councilmen and a clerk-treasurer. They contract with the City of Eastlake for fire and police services. Ms. Neale said they will be putting sidewalks in next summer.

Mr. Allen welcomed visitors from Lakeline Village, Willowick, North Perry Village, JJR, Inc. and B. R. Knez Contruction.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present: Messrs. Allen, Advey, Buescher, Cain, Klco, Rising, Sholtis, Urbanski, and Messes. Foley Kessler and Keneven-Zanella. Staff present: Mr. Boyd, Mr. Webster, and Ms. Myers.

MINUTES

Mr. Cain moved to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2007 meeting and Ms. Foley Kessler seconded the motion.

All voted "Aye".

OLD BUSINESS

County Port Authority Update

The County Port Authority is in the process of transitioning with the Lake County Economic Development Center and absorbing activities on major account activities. Small business has been the Center's function in the past. The Port Authority, made up of seven appointed members, will provide broader based opportunities when it is fully engaged.

In order to be successful, the Board will need to do some research for grant funding in order to become the economic engine needed in Lake County. There are three major projects underway. Two are in Painesville City and one is in Mentor, along with a new business moving

into Painesville. The Board is planning to meet with the Cleveland-Cuyahoga Port Authority in the near future to share information.

Fairport Harbor/Hemisphere Funding Update

They are waiting to hear back on their application.

Youth Focus

We are focusing on high school students in order to get to know their outlook and interests to enhance our shoreline with activities that would keep them in Lake County.

Mr. Webster and Mr. Boyd will be attending a meeting of the Lake and Geauga Counties High School Principal Association next Thursday, October 4, 2007 to discuss a partnership with local students and lakefront planning.

Madison and Eastlake Coastal Plan Update

Madison Township has selected areas on which they wish to concentrate their coastal development implementation plans. One is the Madison Township Park breakwaters. Mr. Landeg of the County Engineer's Department has gathered data and is working on a re-design based on the original JJR plan. The Township has some funding already available and is pursuing another grant.

The City of Eastlake is looking to develop a site further up Chagrin River instead of at the mouth to reduce some of their silting and flooding problems. They are looking to take the project in the Coastal Development Plan down a level and would appreciate help from this Committee. Mr. Cain can forward names of ACOE & ODNR officials for us to contact. They hope this will dovetail into a long term project they have been working on with Chagrin River Partners. It was the consensus to offer the requested Committee's assistance.

Grand River Levee Relief Device

The Planning Commission submitted a letter requesting assistance from the U.S. Corps of Engineers in Buffalo, New York, to address the flooding problem with the Grand River corridor from the Recreation Park area in Painesville City to the river confluence with Lake Erie in Fairport Harbor. The amount of the grant request was for \$100,000. We heard affirmatively from Fairport Harbor and Painesville Township, but have not heard from Painesville City. The levee mechanism would be built 2,200 feet from the lake and would be opened or closed to help divert water when the river floods. A feasibility study would be needed to show the viability of this type of mechanism.

NEW BUSINESS

Perry Center Proposal

Mr. Bo Knez of B. R. Knez Construction was given the floor to address the Perry Center proposal. He said the Township was guided by the Lake County Coastal Development Plan ideas for Perry to become a destination and use best management practices. The project incorporated land in the northwest corner of Perry Township. Mr. Knez was very supportive of the community using JJR to design the shoreline in the civic/residential zoning development.

The property is off Rt. 20 and Lane Road. There are a total of 750 acres with 250 acres of open space. 28% is residential and 185 acres will be used for a Civic Town Center.

Mr. Knez explained some of the benefits and challenges this property held. Land would need to be re-zoned from heavy industrial to mixed-use zoning. Protection would be needed for existing wetlands to maintain water quality. Shoreline erosion stabilization and conservation areas needed to be addressed. The development will be composed of quality landscaping and extensive lakeside housing as shown by the drawings Mr. Knez presented.

Presentation of Resolution to North Perry Village

Messrs. Allen, Webster and Boyd presented a resolution of appreciation and support to North Perry Village Mayor Michael Zinn and Councilmen Ed Klco and Richard Shreve from the Lake County Planning Commission and the Lake County Coastal Plan Committee. The Village was recognized for its leadership and support during its implementation of the Lake County Coastal Development Plan with a quality coastal development. Mayor Zinn thanked everyone and stated that without the Committee's guidance, the Village may have chosen a different path. He was also very impressed with JJR's hydraulic modeling in Canada.

JJR Projects in Northeast Ohio

Mr. Bill Brose of JJR was introduced and began a presentation on the hydraulic modeling that had been done in Canada for the Townline Park in North Perry Village. A duplication of the conditions of the shoreline and the lake floor were made into a model that was tested for wave energy patterns in storm conditions and sand transport regimes. The Village wanted to improve their shoreline protection, an unprotected boat launch in need of repair, increase parking to include trailers, improved access for fishing, and a notable potential for a marina or safe harbor. Some mitigation will be required and the design may require some dredging down the line. They are considering a possible walkway on top of the third smallest barrier island for fishing and educational benefits. The boat ramp will be moved further away from the creek. The project will also create additional public beach access.

Mr. Allen felt this project would be a good influence to the rest of the Lake County communities by seeing what can be developed with the right people and planning.

Canadian Ferry Project

Mr. Boyd, along with Mr. Lee Bodnar of Painesville Township, traveled to London and Woodstock, Ontario, Canada on September 11, 2007, to attend meetings pertaining to the proposed Lake Erie Ferry. Mr. Kent Kristensen and Mayor Lynn Acre of Bayhem Village presented to the Wardens (i.e., County Commissioners) of Oxford County to solicit support for the project. To date, Mayor Acre is attempting to fund a feasibility study. There have been no firm commitments from private sector interests.

Madison Mansion Funding Application

A 10,000 sq. ft. mansion on Hubbard Road went up for auction in mid-August. This structure was identified by KSU as a potential asset for the Township Park improvements. No successful bids had been received the week prior to the submittal. The County Commissioners were asked by the Planning Commission to act as the applicant for a grant to potentially acquire

this structure. Staff worked closely with the Trust for Public Lands. Two weeks later, we were informed a bid may have been accepted by someone who had the wherewithal to purchase it.

Mr. Urbanski, being more familiar with the grant process, stated that this Corps grant would be submitted to NOA, who would score two or three of the application requests by their ecological aspects. It could be up to two years after an application is accepted before the money is received. This application has time limitations. He believed they had chosen two of them and another one could still be chosen depending on how it fits into a countywide coastal program.

Mr. Cain stated this Committee has made a lot of progress since the coastal development plan was done. We should also applaud Lakeland for stepping up to the plate to assist the County Commissioners to get the Lake County Port Authority engine started. In addition, coastal developments comprised of 750 acres in North Perry Village and 1000 acres in Lakeview Bluffs are in the process of construction. Eastlake has determined to go forward and review a Woodland enhancement area along the Chagrin River and the City is looking for help and direction in their planning and zoning. Mr. Boyd indicated he stands ready to help with their project.

CMAG Land Acquisition Funding

Mr. Boyd had received notification that the ODNR, Coastal Management Assistance Grant funding may be geared towards land acquisition next year.

General Discussion

Mr. Cain questioned where the County Port Authority and the previously existing port authorities were with blending together and if there was a plan to do this. He was told the County Port Authority was better equipped to get more dollars than the individual port authorities. The Port Authority needs to create continuity and is pursuing funding to be able to meet more economical projects. Let the County Port Authority know what your needs are. The port authority is just taking baby steps right now.

Mr. Cain thought shoreline overlay zoning could be done so that a community could pursue shoreline sites when they become available and Mr. Boyd stated that overlays are done on a site-specific basis.

With Eastlake desirous of purchasing a marina and Fairport wanting to purchase eight acres of land, Mr. Urbanski suggested substituting these acquisitions for the Madison mansion if it falls by the wayside. He felt this funding may be an even better fit with the Corps' goals.

Community Updates

Willowick – Mr. Rising: A model has opened in the development Mr. Knez is building. They had 600 people go through it. The Larimar development is continuing to go forward.

Eastlake – Ms. Keneven-Zanella: The Economic Development Committee decided their coastal focus area would be the Woodland area. They will have an opportunity to meet with ODNR and will establish their course of action. It was stated that their silting problems are caused by other counties. They did get a grant in Eastlake from the Corps for \$185,000 because of damages caused by the flood of July 27, 2006 and to assist with dredging. They would like to see \$2-

300,000 each year and want to find a long-term solution to their silting problems. They felt they could use a push from us as well as Chagrin Watershed Partners. Mr. Allen added that, before the July, 2006 flood, the water channel was 6-8 feet high; post flood it is 23 to 25 feet. There has been a six figure dollar damage to those walls.

Mentor-on-the-Lake – Mr. Buescher: The City had started a major stormwater project down Andrews Rd. that is now completed. He now feels they can get a better focus on their shoreline.

Fairport Harbor Port Authority - Mr. Sholtis: The USDA Department relationship seems to bode well to them for future projects.

North Perry Village – Mr. Klco: The Council will be having a town meeting tomorrow with JJR to answer questions. They are very excited about this project. They currently are finishing their sidewalks and looking into using wind turbines in the future.

Madison Township – Mr. Advey: They are waiting to hear from Mr. Boyd and Mr. Landeg after their talks concerning Madison Township's parks. The dollars the Township has available could be used on Stanton Park and/or the Township Park. The Township is sending a letter to Ohio Senator Timothy J. Grendell requesting an additional \$300,000 grant this year. They are waiting to see how the mansion sale plays out to see if a zoning change will be needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Allen adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.